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Mr. J. Foster Collins  
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Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Mr. Collins:

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Thank you for your kind letter of 25 February requesting that the Treasury Department become a passive member of the NOIWON net.

I regret that your request cannot be approved at this time. In order to preserve the integrity of the system as the principal link between the national-level operations centers and the White House, both for alerting and for immediate and often sensitive tasking of our collection assets, I believe we must limit the network to the present subscribers.

I am nevertheless keenly aware of the need of Secretary Regan and his staff to be alerted to critical intelligence on fast-breaking situations, and have undertaken to ensure that this is done. Each Operations Center--CIA, NSOC, DIA/NMIC and State--has agreed to alert your Watch Office unilaterally to any developments that warrant Treasury's immediate attention. I am sure that the centers will readily recognize the economic dimensions of major crises.

You might, however, want to provide for their guidance a list of requirements covering those topics that seem less obvious but that are of particular significance to the Treasury Department.

Sincerely,

B. R. INMAN  
Admiral, U.S. Navy  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

25 February 1982

Dear Admiral Inman:

I am writing to ask your approval to add the Treasury Department to the National Operations Intelligence Watch Officers Net (NOIWON) as a passive listener. [redacted]

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We would locate the NOIWON connection in the Treasury Watch Office, which presently serves as the focal point for sensitive classified messages flowing into the Department. Our Watch Office, together with the Office of Intelligence Support, is responsible for alerting the Secretary of the Treasury and his senior staff to critical and fast-breaking situations. It is under my direct supervision so that I can maintain tight controls over the dissemination of all sensitive intelligence information. [redacted]

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In the past we have sometimes had difficulty keeping up with fast-breaking situations. Adding the Treasury Watch to the NOIWON in a passive mode will enable me to insure that major world developments like the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the more recent events in Poland are briefed to the Secretary, and to those senior Treasury officials who have a need to know, in a more timely and comprehensive fashion. This is particularly important given the Secretary's role as senior policy adviser to the President and the often critical nature of the economic dimension to developing political-security situations. [redacted]

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I understand the reasons for limiting additional active participants in the NOIWON and do not think it is necessary for Treasury to be a full participant at this time. I do, however, urge your favorable consideration of this request for Treasury to become a passive member of the net. [redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

*Foster Collins*

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